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11. (SBU) The Australian and U.S. Ambassadors and the New Zealand Charge d'Affaires presented reftel demarche to Fiji's Foreign Ministry CEO, Isikeli Maitaitoga, on October 12. In response, Maitaitoga noted Fiji's long-standing interest in bringing a UN resolution on indigenous rights to an UNGA vote ASAP. Maitaitoga said Foreign Minister Tavola reiterated that interest during his speech to the UNGA last month. All three Western diplomats stressed reftel points concerning serious problems with the present draft, and Maitaitoga, who has a long history on the subject, promised to give our points and documents a fair look. However, we received the impression that Fiji expects to vote for the proposed declaration.  
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